

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Thomas M. Soukup et al.

Examiner: Fangemonique Smith

Serial No.: 10/752,466

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Title: STEERABLE STYLET

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**RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This response is in reply to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2009, in which a Species Election was set forth relative to the Examiner-identified inventions of Species I: drawn to a steerable stylet device having a stylet wire, a core wire and a handle having a means for adjusting the relative tension between the core wire and stylet wire and Species II: drawn to a steerable stylet device having a stylet wire, a core wire, a handle having a means for adjusting the relative tension between the core wire and stylet wire, and a tension limiter to limit the tension force applied between the core wire and stylet wire of the device.

In response, Applicants hereby elects Species I consisting of at least claims 1-59.

Having thus addressed the Species Election imposed by the Examiner, reconsideration of the pending claims is respectfully requested.

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